

# Discovery Hikes

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Denali National Park and Preserve



A great hike to explore the heart of Denali. Expect uneven terrain, small stream crossings, close encounters with dense vegetation, and unpredictable weather on this trail-less wilderness hike. Hikers **must** sign up in person at the Denali Visitor Center one or two days prior to the hike. Hikers must also purchase a \$30.75 Discovery Hike bus ticket. Group size is limited to 11 people.

**Friday, Sept 10**  
Moderate (negligible gain)  
Brandie Cheatham  
Mile 23  
Splendid Sanctuary Stroll! All along our wandering way we will enjoy fabulous fall colors and search for signs of wildlife.

**Saturday, Sept 11**  
Moderate (200’ gain)  
Stephanie Ford  
Mile 32  
We’ll explore the spongy floor of the Igloo Forest followed by a search for animal tracks along the Teklanika River bar.

**Sunday, Sept 12**  
Moderate (negligible change)  
Robbie Hannawacker  
Mile 29  
Come explore the Teklanika River. We’ll explore the river for signs of wildlife and discuss the area’s natural history.

**Monday, Sept 13**  
Moderate (negligible gain)  
Brian Westlund  
Mile 30

**Tuesday, Sept 14**  
Moderate (negligible gain)  
Brandie Cheatham  
Sanctuary River Bridge  
Splendid Sanctuary Stroll! All along our wandering way we will enjoy fabulous fall colors and search for signs of wildlife.

**Wednesday, Sept 15**  
Moderate (250’ gain)  
Jake McCommons  
Mile 48  
Enjoy a closer view of the terrain below Polychrome Pass as we follow the East Fork through the Plains of Murie.

**Thursday, Sept 16**  
Moderate (602’ gain)  
Jamison Milliken  
Mile 23  
This is the last chance to go on a Discovery Hike in 2010, so don’t miss out! It’ll be a tundra rompin’ good time!

**Friday, Sept 10**  
Strenuous (1,500’ gain)  
Travis Smith  
Mile 61  
Are you ready for colorful tundra, huge boulders and peaceful streams? Then come on this hike along Big Stony Creek.

**Saturday, Sept 11**  
Strenuous (1,175’ gain)  
Rob Parenti  
Mile 49  
We’ll hike over 1,000 feet up on the Polychrome Mountain for a spectacular view of the Plains of Murie.

**Sunday, Sept 12**  
Moderate (616’ gain)  
JP Zamarron  
Mile 48  
We will ascend the heights in order to peer into the depths of the Polychrome Mountain Range.

**Monday, Sept 13**  
Moderate (600’ gain)  
Ross Downer  
Mile 58  
Come check out the fall colors as we cross a stream bed and climb up a drainage in the Highway Pass area.

**Tuesday, Sept 14**  
Moderate (370’ gain)  
Monica Magari  
Mile 49  
Trek west of the historic Plains of Murie with views of Polychrome peaks from below and signs of wildlife all around.

**Wednesday, Sept 15**  
Moderate (200’ gain)  
Monica Magari  
Mile 53  
The Toklat River is one of Denali’s special places – come discover signs of wildlife, wildflowers and wilderness as we hike.

**Thursday, Sept 16**  
Moderate (250’ gain)  
Travis Smith  
Mile 56  
Let’s explore the Highway Pass River channel to the Toklat River. We will enjoy a tundra and stream bed terrain.

*Discovery Hikes will conclude on September 16, 2010. Sled dog demonstrations and programs in the Denali Visitor Center theater will continue through September 20, 2010.*